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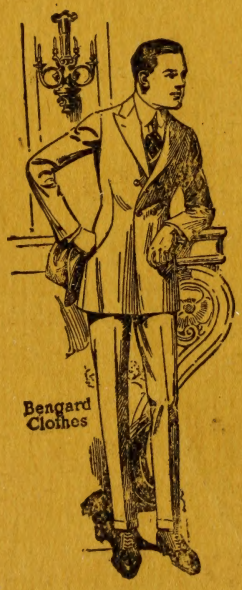

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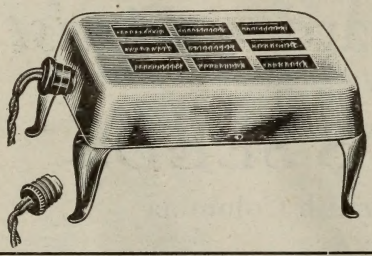

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At The Movies

IT is now Episode 26 of that thrilling serial "The Hairy Hand" and our hero and heroine are spending a quiet evening together for the first time in months. An invitation to one of the many Hallowe'en festivities taking place that night, arrives. They determine to accept, although with all their experience they should be suspicious of all invitations, messages and telephone calls, as they are always prompted by the evil Count Bubblegivsky, who desires the usual important documents.

The journey to the place of the entertainment is achieved without anything very alarming taking place. Of course a few pieces of scaffolding drop from immense heights, heavy weights come hurtling through the air, and the street suddenly disappears from in front. But as they come through intact, Charles le Bucke and Lotus Leroy do not alarm themselves over such trivial happenings.

Arrived at their destination, they ascend the majestic flight of steps and enter through the rich portals into an atmosphere fraught with mystery and weirdness. Figures in robes black as night, with grinning death's-heads showing from their cowls, flit mysteriously about. Of course, some of them are the Count's men seeking, as usual, the death of the hero and heroine so that they may carry out their nefarious schemes unhampered.

As the guests arrive they are taken in charge by the black-robed figures and conducted to the different scenes of the Hallowe'en mysteries. The Count's men are too cautious to alarm their intended victims until they are well into the interior of the vast mansion, so Charles and Lotus are at first taken in charge by bona fide phantoms, who make them do the usual Hallowe'en tricks. Then the change is effected without the knowledge of the young couple, who have now unwittingly placed themselves in the hands of the enemy.

The phantom leads them down a long twisting passage, dimly lit with torches and spookily decorated with black bats, with owls, whose unwinking, electrically-lighted eyes peer steadily at the intruder, and with hideous faces leering from impossible places. Ghostlike shapes flit back and forth, half-seen, half-imagined, beckoning the party onward. They descend many uneven, twisting steps into another passage, dank and mildewed, where water trickles from the roof, the measured splash, splash, sounding like the pattering footsteps of some restless spook.

There for the first time they hear the voice of their supernatural companion. In sepulchral tones he informs them that they are to walk backward down the steps they see descending into the murky gloom before them. He gives them two odd-shaped mirrors and tells them, sinking his voice to a whisper, that when the bottom of the steps is reached they are to gaze for five minutes into the mirrors. They descend the steps with difficulty, and stand staring into their

respective mirrors. All at once an eerie, mocking voice laughs loudly and the phantom guide disappears from the top of the stairs, leaving them to their fate. Startled, they drop the mirrors and gaze into each other's eyes in the mute conviction that they are trapped. Then Charles comforts Lotus with the reminder that his phenomenal strength has already brought them safely through many adventures. (A close-up here; very pathetic and touching.) They try to ascend the steps, but find they are, as is to be expected, of the "moving staircase" variety, so that their efforts get them nowhere. They are exploring the other end of the small room where they are imprisoned, when two loud explosions are heard as the infernal machine mirror, designed to effect their deaths, explode without accomplishing that end.

They are just congratulating themselves on that fact when the floor of the room begins to ascend, bringing them every moment nearer to the ceiling. They realize that they will be crushed to death and Lotus runs frantically back and forth trying to stop the slow, inevitable passage of the floor. Charles applies his shoulder to the ceiling, straining to ward it off, but the space between is slowly lessening, when apparently the machinery breaks and they crash down again. Then the walls slowly topple inward, seeking to crush the two by the weight of their impact. However, by some miscalculation they do not cover all the floor, and in a small space in the centre our hero and heroine stand uninjured. They clamber back over the fallen walls before they rise up again.

They now find themselves in a circular chamber with smooth walls of steel. Immediately they set foot in it the walls and floor begin to revolve in different directions. Soon the hapless couple are staggering about (this looks suspicious) with dizziness. Charles le Bucke chances to touch a hidden spring, and a panel slides open in the revolving wall. They make a desperate leap as the open space slides past them, but fail, and only after numberless reckless attempts they manage to get a grip on it. It is then easy for the stupendous strength of Charles to land them safely into the stationary passage on the other side.

They traverse this passage, and at the end find a window, protected with bars of iron set into concrete. Charles easily wrenches these away and they climb out through the window, finding themselves on a quiet back street.

In spite of all they have gone through, Lotus' dress is not even crumpled, and Charles' collar is still spotless and his beautiful pompadour in its best shape. Our hero turns to his beloved and proposes that they go to Terry's for refreshment. With an adorable look on her charming face, she consents, and in the final close-up we find them in the usual attitude of close proximity, while some soulless person in the audience makes a smacking noise with his lips.

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Lest We Forget

To him who ne'er returns be eternal
Honour. May he march across the fields
Of France forever in man's memory!
Forever may the sun at rising and
At setting color the horizon with
The blood of his sacrifice; the night
Burn forever a thousand candles to
His glory, as he sleeps in the tomb
Of the Universe,—where all must sleep
Yet all in it find life! + + + + +
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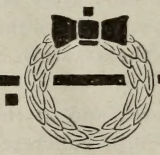

This Memorial Card has been sent to parents of High School boys who were killed or died while on service at the front. The lines were written by Oswyn Boulton of Matric A, 1918-19. The design was made by Mr. Clarke.

A Word to the Prelims

WE wish to extend a hearty welcome to you on your entrance into the High School this year. We are sure that you realize to what heights of importance you have risen since becoming members of this honorable institution. At present it is your duty to reverence the haughty Juniors and lordly Matrics, but you can comfort yourselves with the reflection that you are now training to occupy those same pedestals. "Every dog has his day." To become true Juniors or Matrics, however, it is very necessary for you to take an interest in the school activities. You should all take part in at least one of the athletic games and attend Portia or Beta Delta, as we expect you to uphold the standards of the school in the future. Every one of you should turn out to the matches between this and other schools, and yell for the V.H.S. Boost your school, your work and especially your games wherever and whenever you may.

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We were very sorry to lose Mr. Dilworth when he left for Harvard this year. The Camosun staff feel this loss greatly and remember his former helpfulness with gratitude. We hope that he will have all good luck and happiness in the pursuit of his studies. We wish to thank Mr. Yeo for so kindly taking over Mr. Dilworth's work.

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A marriage of interest to the students and teachers of the V. H. S. took place on June 28th at the Reformed Episcopal Church, when Miss Alice Corry was married to Mr. H. L. Smith, both of whom were teachers in this school. After the wedding they left for Prince Edward Island, where the honeymoon was spent. Since their return they have made their home at 118 Beechwood Avenue. We congratulate Mr. Smith on having gained such a fine wife, but the old maxim, "One man's gain is another man's loss," has been proven very true to us, as, owing to Mr. Smith's luck, we have lost a very dear teacher.

The Camosun welcomes to Victoria High School all the members of the S. C. R. class. There are over thirty in the class and each one did his "bit" in the great war. It is hoped that they will take a part in all the school activities. Before this copy appeared they showed themselves to be eager participants on the football field and the debating platform. The Camosun wishes them every success in the studies which they are taking up and wants them to feel "at home" after, in some cases, a long absence from school.

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Three new teachers have been added to the staff of High School teachers this Fall. At least two are new and one is an old V. H. S. teacher who has recently returned from France.

Mr. Whittemore was an instructor in the navy and took part in the war from 1914 to 1919. He served on H.M.S. "Bacchante" in the Dardanelles, and from 1917 to 1919 he was on the "Lancaster" in the Pacific.

Mr. Yeo was in the Artillery and joined the 23rd Battery C. F. A. and was in France from 1917 to 1919. He was with the 2nd Division when it took its position on the Rhine, opposite Bonn, at the conclusion of the war. He is an old V. H. S. boy and while here was on the Camosun staff and played basketball for the school.

Mr. Haverstock was one of the teachers before the war and all his old pupils will welcome him back. He was a gunner and joined the army in 1917, reached France in 1918. He served with the 196th Batt. C. E. F. and also in the 5th Trench Mortar Battery. He returned to Canada in January, 1919. The Camosun wishes them every success and we are justly proud to have teachers on the staff who have "fought and won."

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Every school of any standing has its orchestra, and we take the greatest pleasure in announcing that Victoria High School now has its orchestra, which has recently been organized and by the time that this appears will be holding practices regularly under the competent leadership of Mr. Whittemore. Although the turn-out of school musicians has been very gratifying, yet the orchestra still needs those who can play any musical instrument, and anyone wishing to join will kindly communicate with Mr. Whittemore.

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An Annual Bursary of $50.00 is presented to the University of British Columbia by the University Women's Club of Victoria.

This Bursary is awarded to the girl student of the Senior Matriculation Class who enters the Second Year of the University of British Columbia, with the highest standing, which must be not less than 65%, the candidate to be subject to the approval of the Club.

This Bursary in 1917 was won by Miss Patricia Smith, in 1919 by Miss Esther Naden.

PORTIA SOCIETY

THE first meeting of the Fall session of Portia was held in the Library, on October 1st, when nominations for the officers for the term were held. The election took place on October 8th, the balloting in several cases being very close. The committee consists of: President, Gwen Pontifex; Vice-President, Helen Bennet; Secretary-Treasurer, Agnes Kingham; Executive, Marjorie Watson, Frances Legg, Helen Starr and Ethelwyn Dee. Miss Hamilton has kindly consented to act as Hon. President.

The Society extends its heartiest thanks to Miss Henry for her services last year.

At the next meeting an enthusiastic welcome was given to Miss Stewart, of the public library. She spoke on "How to Use the Library," and "Hints to Young Debaters." This most useful and interesting talk was concluded by an invitation to the members of the Portia to meet at the Public Library on Saturday morning and be shown how to use the catalogue and readers' guide.

Five short speeches was the programme of October 22nd. Mariam Lowe, the first speaker, outlined the "Building of the Panama Canal," telling especially of the first failure. Then Margaret Timilty gave an interesting talk on "Animals in War Time," referring in particular to the recent war. Eleanor Parfitt next returned to childhood days and spoke about the great fairy tale writer, Hans Christian Anderson. From Ethelwyn Dee we learnt the doleful news that Henry Van Dyke died as the result of an unhappy marriage. The last speaker was Laura Leigh, who spoke on "A Piece of Old Rome," tracing the descent of the Roumanians from the time that their country was a part of the Holy Roman Empire.

Portia's first debate for the term took place on October 29. The subject was, "Resolved that motion pictures offer a desirable entertainment." Marjorie Watson and Jean Graham upheld the affirmative. Marjorie Watson spoke on the educational value of the movies and expressed a desire that we could have physics on the movies. When Jean Graham had finished, we felt that we must see a movie

show at once as a necessity for developing brains. The first speaker on the negative was Frances Legg, who humorously described the modern picture show in such a ridiculous light that we wondered how on earth we had ever watched such a thing. Her colleague, Helen Starr is so fond of work that watching the movies does not require enough brain work for her. Her ideal villain has black whiskers and is surrounded by a bunch of cowboys. Mr. Clark and Mr. Haverstock, the judges, gave the decision in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Clark complimented all four speakers and said that it was a close debate, the affirmative winning by a small margin. Mr. Haverstock, one of our returned teachers, told how the movies had helped the boys at the front to forget their troubles.

The meetings so far this year have been very well attended, and we are pleased to see so many Prelims taking an interest; but Juniors and Matrics, why not come and try for a Portia pin? Do you want to look back on High School life with thoughts only of lessons?

All in the State of Mind

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think that you dare not, you don't;
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,
It's almost a "cinch" you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out in the world you find
Success begins with a fellow's will—
It's all in the state of mind.

Full many a race is lost
Ere even a step is run,
And many a coward falls
Ere even his work's begun.
Think big, and your deeds will grow,
Think small, and you'll fall behind;
Think that you can and you will—
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But, soon or late, the man who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can.

BETA DELTA

FOR the sake of those who are new to the school, it has been thought well to give a short sketch of the history and aims of the Beta Delta in this, the first issue of the Camosun for the year 1919-1920.

I suppose, to begin with, many of you will be wondering what Beta Delta stands for. Well, they are the two Greek letters B, D, and they stand for "Boys Debating," but to distinguish our society from other boys' debating societies we give ours the letters in Greek instead of in ordinary English.

The exact date of the founding of the society is not at hand, but at anyrate it was founded by Mr. Wood (then teacher of English in this school, now of the University of B. C.) some years before we moved into this present building, probably about 1911, but of that there is no record.

The aims of the society are to promote an interest in public questions of the day and to teach the boys to arrange their ideas and how to express them clearly and forcibly. In passing, there are some boys who have excelled themselves in this society and who might be mentioned, for some of them have brothers in the school today and it might be a stimulus to them to know that they have a reputation to keep up. Among these we might mention Struther Foulkes, Robert Hamilton, Fred Beckwith, Gordon Campbell, Ewart Gee, Harry Cross, Christian Sivertz, Bruce Hutchison and many more who might be mentioned if there were space.

Now, while we are on this theme, we might as well remind you that this society was founded and is being run for **You.** The executive does not work to kill time, or yet to amuse themselves on spare afternoons; they are working to keep the society on its feet, and it is "up to you" to help them if you can, and you **can.** All you need to do is to come to the meetings in sufficient force to let people know you are there, instead of a few boys wandering in and trying to keep the front row of chairs warm. That is no way to keep a society going; come along and bring another fellow; there is lots of standing room in case the chairs give out! You fellows seem to imagine that the Beta Delta is for the sissy who cannot do anything better to show that he is alive, and you suggest that you are not going to any meeting to hear such and such a little foolish drivel. You are all off on the wrong track. If there is not enough ginger in the society, if the subjects are uninteresting, you come in and liven it.

Boys' Basketball

IF early season form is a safe basis on which to judge a team, Victoria High School should be well represented in basketball this year. When school opened, on the advice of the faculty it was decided to postpone the basketball season until after Christmas. However, as all of the city teams were getting in shape, the faculty were asked to reconsider their decision, which they very willingly did, and some practice games were arranged.

October 3rd saw three High School teams in action, one in the afternoon against the Normal School boys in their gym, and two in the evening against the Oak Bay High School girls and boys.

In the afternoon a team composed of Webster, Streeter, Millard, McIntyre, Moore and Hartly journeyed out to the Normal School. The game itself was a very poor exhibition of basketball. There were several reasons for this, chief among them being the hall itself, which was small in size and plentifully supplied with obstacles, such as blackboards, radiators, iron steps and other odds and ends. The first half of the game was pretty well in the hands of the High School, and ended with the High School leading by a 10-5 score. When the teams changed over, the continual crowding and bumping of the players seemed to exhaust their stock of self-control and fouls were very much in evidence. Millard and Streeter were the chief offenders on the High School side. Our tall centre at one stage of the game so far forgot himself that he tackled his opponent, a la Rugby, around the knees, and seemed quite surprised that a foul should be called for it. Streeter is, perhaps, more forgivable, as he had been pretty carelessly handled by his check a time or two and was merely replying. When time was finally called and the dust of battle had settled, the score read 14-11 for High School. Mr. Yeo, of High School, refereed.

The boys' game at Oak Bay the same evening was of a totally different order. Boyd, Bendrodt, Bickle, Jones and Lewis had been selected to represent the Victoria High School and they did it in a very worthy manner.

The game opened with a fast attack on the Oak Bay basket, Bickle, Jones and Lewis each having a shot in the first two minutes of play. Soon, however, the Oak Bay guards settled down into their

stride and the checking became a little closer. Oak Bay naturally were more at home on the small floor and with the low ceiling, but the black and yellow boys were not long in becoming acclimatized. Lewis, in the centre, played a sterling game all evening and obtained the ball in the toss-up almost every time.

Once our boys became used to the confined quarters, their combination began to have its effect and points came rapidly. The first half ended with the V. H. S. leading by a ten-point margin.

When the teams returned to the floor for the second half, the pace continued quite as fast as it had opened, and the spectators were treated to a fine exhibition of basketball. Victoria High School was never seriously threatened during the game, but Oak Bay played on gamely to the end. The final score read 34-12 in favor of our school. We feel, however, that Oak Bay are to be warmly congratulated on their basketball team. When the small number of boy students at Oak Bay is taken into consideration, we feel that their interest and ability in sports speak volumes for their school spirit. We have always found Oak Bay the most worthy opponents and, above all, true sportsmen and gentlemen. We hope to meet them again in the near future.

The teams representing the two schools were: O. B. H. S.—Brynjolfson, Humber, Watson, Goodacre, Hope. V. H. S.—Bendrodt, Boyd, Jones, Bickle, Lewis.

Mr. Martinson of the Y. M. C. A., very kindly refereed the game and handled it impartially and well.

October 7—Normal School vs. Victoria High School—A return game was arranged, on October 7th, between Normal School and High School. The game developed into a one-sided contest very early and it soon became apparent that it was merely a question of by how much Normals were to be beaten. The large floor very apparently put the Normal team off their game and time and time again the High School worked the odd man game for another basket. McIntyre and Hartley alternated in going up from guard positions for a shot and each had quite a string of points to his credit. The final score read 43-2 in favor of V. H. S. Mr. Yeo, of the High School, officiated with the whistle and Mr. Harry Cross, of Normal School, kept score and acted as time-keeper. The High School was represented by Jones, Lewis, Bickle, McIntyre and Hartley.

October 18—Huskies vs. High School—This was our first league match in the Y. M. C. A. house league for the season and, unfortunately, our first defeat.

The Huskies lived up to their name in appearance and in tactics. The game was played under the two referee system and no doubt suffered from that fact. Mr. Aldritt, of the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Yeo, of the High School, were the two officials and it is generally conceded that either of these gentlemen could have handled the game better alone. The whole High School five, however, seemed to be

having a night off-color and a good many easy shots were missed. Rumor has it that the appearance of a certain young lady in the gallery had a great deal to do with the nervousness of our worthy captain, Jones. Perhaps he could persuade her to stay away from the next game, as we need his usual contribution of 10 or 20 points very badly. The High School held their own for the first half, which ended with a score of 9-8 in favor of the Huskies. The superior weight of the Huskies began to tell in the second half and they took the lead easily and maintained it to the end.

The following represented the High School: Bickle (6), Jones (3), Lewis (4), Webster (5) and Boyd.

The final score was 23-18 in favor of the Huskies.

Football

With the end of the war and the return of the boys from overseas has come the much longed for and much needed revival of athletics. Consequently it was with much pleasure that the students of the Victoria High School, on Saturday, October 18th, watched their rugby team once more conducting itself with credit to the school, although playing against the somewhat older and more experienced men of the V. I. A. A.

The first half of the game was especially favorable to the school team, the ball being many times very close to the V. I. A. A. touchline, and although at the end the V. I. A. A. were leading with a score of 11 to 5, the teams were by no means unevenly matched.

During the whole of the game the High School forward line played admirably and the school scrum was quite equal to that of their opponents. Of the forwards the two most brilliant players were Clarke and Sprinkling, both members of the S. C. R. Matriculation Class. Bendrodt was undoubtedly the best player of the backs, both his offensive play and his tackling being excellent. He did not, however, pass the ball as much as he might have done, and, in the opinion of many, would have played a much better game as a wing three-quarters than as a five-eighth man. Splendid tackling was shown by both Streeter and Scott, the latter displaying some exceptional ability as a defence man.

Judging by the results of this game against the V. I. A. A., the High School students have high hopes for the success of their Rugby team, not only against the University School, but also against the representative team of the Vancouver High Schools, and, if only enough team-work can be acquired, the school ought, this year, to have every chance of defeating their hitherto successful opponents from the Terminal City.

We wish to thank two of our teachers (Mr. Cook and Mr. Yeo) for giving us the benefit of their experience in the game against the V. I. A. A., but more especially are our thanks due to Mr. Harry Smith for the time and energy he has spent in organizing and cocahing the team.

Girls' Basketball

The election meeting of the Girls' Basketball Club has not yet taken place, but we hope it will in the near future.

Mr. Yeo has kindly consented to act as coach, and with his help we hope to win the Thompson Cup.

The Preliminaries are to be commended for the great interest they have shown in Basketball, and there will undoubtedly be keen competition for the various positions on the school team this year.

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The first game of the season was played on Friday evening, October 3rd, against Oak Bay High School, in their gymnasium. The Oak Bay and the Victoria High School teams were well matched in weight, and the combination on both teams was indeed very noticeable, but the Victoria High School team excelled their opponents in their speed. Miss S. McGill, who was on the school team last year, played a splendid game at centre. Miss H. Devereux, one of our new girls, helped both the guards and the forwards to a very great extent and seemed to be all over the field, and Miss A. Martin could always be depended upon to get the ball from the Oak Bay players and pass it to our forwards. The game was easily won by the Victoria High School and resulted in a score of 22-14. The game was refereed by Mr. Yeo.

After the game the players went to one of the class-rooms, where they partook of a dainty supper prepared by the Oak Bay High School team.

The team was: Misses Helen Devereux and Doris Grubb, forwards; Sarah McGill, centre; Alexa Martin and Geneveive Sangster, guards.

Oak Bay High School vs. V. H. S. The return game of the Oak Bay basketball team was played in our gymnasium on Thursday, October 23rd. A very exciting game showed that the contestants were very evenly matched, but the home team overcame their opponents and left the floor with a score of 12-5. The team was slightly changed, Miss H. Devereux taking the position of centre as Miss S. McGill was not able to play.

After the game refreshments were served in the lunch-room, to which the Oak Bay team and a number of Miss N. MacEachern's friends were invited. Miss MacEachern, we regret to say, has left school. Miss Huntley expressed the team's regret in the loss of Miss MacEachern, who has been such a support to our Athletic Society.

The team was: Victoria High School—Misses Nora MacEachern and Doris Grubb, forwards; Helen Devereux, centre; Alexa Martin and Geneveive Sangster, guards.

Normal School vs. V. H. S. This exciting game was played in our gymnasium on Thursday, October 9th, and was won by the home team, after a hard fight, with a score of 11-6. The Normal School

had a much heavier team, but the Victoria High School had the advantage of being superior in their speed. The passing on both teams was very good.

The teams consisted of: Normal School—Misses Hazell Conacher (captain) and M. Rogers, forwards; Nellie Hopps, centre; Gwen Hole and Sophie McKinnon, guards. Victoria High School—Misses Nora MacEachern and Doris Grubb, forwards; Sarah McGill, centre; Geneveive Sangster and Alexa Martin, guards.

Normal School vs. V. H. S. This game proved fatal from the beginning, and cheers of the Normal girls rang through the little gymnasium when they made a basket. Our girls fought valiantly against a much heavier team, who mounted their score to 16-5.

Miss L. Scott played a very quick game, but seemed to be powerless in her shooting in the hands of her strong opponent.

In the second half the positions of the players were changed, Miss H. Devereux taking Miss L. Scott's place as forward and Miss V. Cross playing guard and showing great ability in guarding.

The teams were: Normal School—Misses V. Ratledge and Hazell Conacher, forwards; Nellie Hopps, centre; G. Hole and Sophie McKinnon, guards. Victoria High School—Misses Leonora Scott and Doris Grubb, forwards; Sarah McGill, centre; Helen Devereux and Alexa Martin, guards.

Normal School vs. V. H. S. On October 28th the High Schaal team redeemed themselves in the eyes of their fellow-pupils by defeating the Normal School by a score of 10-5. The game was very exciting and there were many spectators, showing the keen interest of the pupils to help on athletics.

Cadet Report

This year we have with us Major Harvey, who has but lately returned from overseas. During his absence, his position as Cadet Instructor was ably filled by Lieut. Hutchinson, whom we are sorry to see leaving us, for he was very popular with both the officers and cadets of the corps.

The corps has won many honors during the past term, for it now ranks first in the Province, both in efficiency in drill and in shooting on the indoor range. For the former we have been awarded the Provincial Shield, and for the latter a Savage range-rifle; also a large number of marksman badges have been awarded.

The frequenters of the range will be pleased to hear that we hope to secure new rifles soon; also there is prospect of a Cadet Ball in the near future and we hope to make the organization more prosperous than ever this year.

The promotions and appointments posted in Battalion Orders for the present school year are as follows: Lieut. R. Meldram to be Assistant Adjutant and Musketry Officer; J. M. Andrew Robertson to be Lieut. and Q.-M.; Lieut. K. McCannel to be Capt.; Platoon Sergt. R. Jackson, V. Bond, A. Lewis, G. Streeter to the rank of Lieutenant.

ANDREW ROBERTSON, Q.-M.

V. H. S. Patriotic Aid Organization

The first meeting of the Committee of the Patriotic Society of V. H. S. was held in the Library on the afternoon of Monday, November 3rd. Miss Cann, who has been elected by the teaching staff as President, was in the chair. It was announced that Miss Adams had consented to act as Treasurer and Mr. Haverstock as Corresponding Secretary. The Committee elected Gordon Kirkpatrick (Senior Matriculation Class) as Vice-President, Miss Scobie (Matric D) as Recording Secretary, and Richards (Div. 12) as Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. Sullivan, Provincial Inspector of High Schools, who has lately returned from overseas, and Lieut. Murphy, of the Normal School, Vancouver, now a patient at the Military Hospital, Esquimalt, were guests at the meeting. The latter gave a short address, relating, in a manner sometimes amusing, sometimes serious, his experiences while at the front. He urged the members of the Committee to work together, as the men at the front had done, for the good of Canada. He spoke most appreciatively of the work that had been done by patriotic societies during the war. At the close of Lieut. Murphy's address, the thanks of the meeting were presented to the speaker.

It was decided by the Committee to ask the members of the school for a subscription of fifty cents for the year, to be paid as the pupils should prefer—in one sum or at the rate of ten cents a month for five months. The class representatives will collect the subscription and forward to the Treasurer.

A resolution, providing for the purchase of a hundred dollar Victory Bond, was put and carried. The meeting decided that the money necessary for the purchase of the bond should be taken from the funds of the Society.

The President presented to the meeting a request from Principal Smith that the Society should this year undertake the work of assisting, as much as possible, the work of the Cadet Corps. Miss Cann spoke of the brilliant racord made by the Corps last year, and suggested that the School should express its pride in the work of that body in some definite practical manner.

Committee meetings will be held on the first and the third oMndays of each month. Class representatives are requested to forward to the Treasurer their collections for November, before the next meeting, which will be held on November 17th.

In the case of its being impossible for representatives to be present at a meeting of the Committee, they are asked to provide substitutes.

The Camosun wishes to extend its heartiest thanks to Jackson for his great success in drawing the very artistic cover for this month's issue, and we wish also to express our appreciation for the great work done in the business field for the Camosun by Mr. Cook, Bickle and Jones, who have given so much of their valuable time so readily toward starting our magazine this year.

The Students' Agriculture and Science Club of British Columbia

Our Motto: "Good Fellowship, Based on Joyous Service."
Honi soit qui mal y pense.

THE first open meeting of the year was held on Friday, October 31st, at 3.30 p. m., in the V. H. S. Library. The fact of it being Hallowe'en augured well for the future of the Club, for the attendance was phenomenal. In order to bring the Club's activities before a fair representation of the students, it was decided at the last meeting of the executive to break away from the usual line of procedure and dispense with business matters, devoting the whole time to an impromptu mock trial. This took the form of a prosecution of James Nimmo, alias "Slippery Bill," by Miss Irene Deakin, on a charge of petty larceny and attempted suicide by absconding (please look up that word) and aspiring to consume not less than three plates of soup from the V. H. S. kitchen.

The original defendant failed to appear and it was assumed from this that he had in all truth been guilty of the charge and had since paid the full penalty of death by slow and painful internal tortures. The sympathy of the court was unanimously extended to the deceased, with the hope that he would receive benefit from his experience in the realms to which he had since fled, and extenuating circumstances connected with his demise here be eventually considered by the Court of Appeal presided over by Judge Pluto.

The caste comprised the following artists:—

His Worship the Judge.....Charles Macqueen
(Formerly Consulting Engineer to the B. C. Electric)
Prosecuting Counsel.....W. Dick and T. Catterall
Defending Counsel.....R. Shanks and Miss May
Chief Witness for the Crown (prosecutrix).....Miss Deakin
Prisoner.....R. Nimmo
Clerk of the Court.....Victor Bond
Witnesses for the Prosecution.....Tomlinson, Bruce
Sheriff.....H. E. Hallwright
Jury.....C. Pillar, Spinks, Miss Scobie, Miss Margetts, H. Nilems, J. Kyle

Sheriff Hallwright opened the proceedings with a short, but brilliant oration, after which the clerk read the cases in hand, including one against text-books used by Mr. Coates; same books being irrefutably proved by certain students in laboratory practice to be inaccurate. The meeting then proceeded, amid much din, vim and good fellowship.

The Club proposes to extend its activities throughout the Agricultural and Science section of the V. H. S., as we feel that there is room and to spare for spontaneous expression along constructive lines by High School boys and girls, not only here, but throughout the world.

This little effort of ours might be criticized by some as uneducational. What is education, however, but a systematized effort to discover the art of living aright. Life is expression, and expression of this kind is the most permanent and constructive in its effects of any which our educational system has to offer.

SENIOR MATRIC

We learn that if a pint of alcohol and a pint of water be mixed, the resulting mixture is 1¾ pints. We wonder what has happened to that quarter of a pint.

Pupil translating Chaucer: "He was embroidered as if he were a meadow full of fresh flowers.

Teacher: "Now, if the heaviest and lightest boy in this room would jump from the third storey window ———" Chorus from the boys: "Who's the lightest?"

Resolved: That the prefects are a nuisance and disturb the class when it has nicely set to work; that tin hats be issued to the members of the class to protect them from the barrages of D. Keenan; that swivel-chairs be provided so as to lessen the noise when the line of vision is changed; that the rest of the school had better keep an eye on Senior Matriculation, 1919-20.

Do you believe a gun could be made to shoot around a corner?

No, but the sight of a teacher often has that effect upon a student.

Teacher: "Did anyone notice the peculiar appearance of the moon last night?"

Girls: "Oh, yes."

Senior Matrics have been moved up this year. We no longer roam aimlessly about when the bells ring; we have been created constellations in the starry heaven of the V. H. S.; we are permanent fixtures of the physical laboratory, registering and living there. We sit at the big tables and **never** make a noise with the chairs—it must be added that this is impossible now as the chairs have been changed. The smallest constellation is "Tom Thumb," and it is often surprising how nearly he comes to upsetting the regular movements of the other heavenly bodies.

If, in the olden days, a knight's son used curl papers to make his hair wavy (and Whittington says he did), what did the knight's daughter use?

Keenanism is not good when found in lumps, especially in the physics lecture room.

THE RETURNED SOLDIERS' MATRICULATION CLASS
V. H. S., 1919-20

A class consisting of ex-service men taking an Applied Science Course offered by the U. B. C.

Class President - - - - - - - - L. Clarke
Class Vice-President - - - - - - R. Renouf
Class Secretary-Treasurer - - R. W. Whidden
Room 30

G. H. Bevan Pritchard ("Rameses II.")—Our friend will probably be remembered by some of the present High School students from North Ward, where he taught during 1912 and 1913.

Leo Clarke—"This modern Samson with his formidable 'jaw" will never leave the room while there is an audience before him." "Nobby" received his schooling elsewhere, but, being a wanderer, we will probably hear of some other school he graces.

John D'Oyly Rochfort—"Johnie has a truly artistic eye, but the class object to the fact that he does not carry his ideas far enough, nor his 'ideals' high enough." John went to Collegiate School. 'Nuff said.

Ewart Elmer Sprinkling—"His face would light up now and then when he fancied he was fairly on the scent of a fight." "Sprinks" is a local product and attended V. H. S. during 1914 and 1915. He has lately been working for the Foundation Co., but he had to get up too early and go so far that he decided school was the place.

Albert R. Emsley—"With his twinkling eye and his curly hair, no girl could withstand his charms." Emsley had his schooling at Tolmie, and says mathematics are great subjects.

Edward W. Kilby—"He will remain in the minds of the class for many moons from his argument for an extension of allowances. 'Why, ask for more.'"

MATRIC A

Having been informed by spies that this issue was to be fought by Prelims, we at once proceeded to give a lecture on the habits of the species. This unique animal is a hardy annual and is able to do a large amount of damage in its brief existence. It supplies the material for so-called wit or humor throughout the school and may be distinguished by its appetite. It cultivates this by racing through the corridors on its scooter, and when it knocks down a Matric it never stops to pick him up again, but leaves him lying there in the hope that he may cause someone to test their force of gravity. These peculiar animals derive their name from "Pre," meaning prehistoric (in other words, gone, but not forgotten), and "Limb," which may be translated, "Quite harmless unless an overdose is taken." Everyone has to pass through this undesirable period of being a Prelim, some more than once. The nature of the Prelim has greatly changed since our day, 'way back in the dim dawn of time. We can still

remember that epoch-making time when we were paragon prelims. It seems to us that one of our number, who is now able to put "Miss" before his name, got up and thirded a motion, but most likely someone will contradict us. Yes, here's Papa Prelim ups and sez to lie low an' say nuffin, coz any Prelim knows better'n that. Well, speaking of something else to change the subject, Matric A has now acquired some important personages at immense expense (of lung-power) and proposes to make them get to work. The whole class gave a most enjoyable reception after 3.15, and after purple lemonade (which at this pressure and temperature was a gas) and fried ice cream had been passed around and everyone had joined in a vociferous community-yell-squawk-shout-sing, we found ourselves hardened with the upkeep of the following encumbrances: President, D. Elford; Vice-President, C. Richards; Secretary, Miss Denovan, and in utter despair at the prospect of the expense, broke up (or down).

MATRIC B

Matric B consists of some truly celebrated characters—authors, orators, artists, athletes and such like. Campbell-Brown and Miss Kingham are both well known in debating circles, Miss Kingham being secretary of Portia. Miss Donnelly is a famous athlete, having missed the Senior Championship last year by only one point. Never mind, Roxey, better luck next time. Jackson is celebrated for his cartoons and as class reporter for the Camosun. Miss Chan is the only one of our class who has, as yet, gained literary fame. I know we do look rather sleepy at times, but please blame the climate, not us. Still, there's a spark of activity in us, only waiting to be aroused, and this was done the other week when Mr. Cornett suggested that we collect money to buy books on history for our benefit and that of all Matriculation Classes. As the result of our efforts $9.53 was raised.

We found out the other day that Fords are not such a new invention after all, as the Gauls found some lying across the river by Caesar's Camp. Also, we have discovered that Euclid has a formidable rival in the shape of Miss Johns, who has found a new Theorem. Strange to say, the proof hasn't turned up yet.

Autumn

This is the season beloved of fairies and elves and all those delightful beings whom common mortals regard as phantoms of the Golden Ages. For this is the time of year that the fruit and glory of their labors shine forth the most; so much that even mortals are susceptible of it. Some of these wonderful creatures wave their wands over fields of grain, which in response all nod their heads in a golden wave. Some wink at fat rolling pumpkins and they answer back in big, happy, golden smiles. Another waves her wand over the atmosphere and the air is filled with the fragrance of ripe, luscious fruit. And some with paint brushes decorate the trees until these are robed in gowns of the gayest and most gorgeous of colors, green

and red and brown and gold. Then the naughty elves, brothers of these fairies, come and undo all their work by whispering something and the leaves one and all dance and flutter after them. Fairies are not dismayed by anything, not even by brother's pranks, but, instead, hop on the backs of the dancing leaves and sail away in their gay carriages for a jolly holiday until Nature, their Queen, calls them back to work.

AGNES CHAN.

MATRIC C

FOR RENT, in Room I, three back seats, splendid locality and first-class neighbors. Sure to please tenants. Owners obliged to vacate premises. Apply Mitchell, McCannel & Paterson, Real Estate Agents.

A Hindu Temple is about to be established by Matric C in Room 18. For particulars apply to H. Maclean.

Miss Riddell (to clerk in hat shop): Now pick me out something that will suit me.

Clerk: How would something soft and green do?

Miss Menkus (to Miss Nelems): What size is your collar?

Miss Nelems: Oh! He's about 5 feet 4 inches.

Matric (soliloquizing after lecture in English):

There are meters of accent
And meters of tone,
But the best of all meters
Is to meet her alone.

Miss Parfitt was seen in the corridor with a puzzled expression on her face, and when questioned as to the reason, remarked that she had been trying to find out how Mr. C———— got a 2 out of his head in a chemical equation.

Robinson (to Jack Paterson): Say, there's something preying on my mind.

Jack: Never mind; it'll soon starve.

Officer in Cadets: "How dare you swear before me, sir!"

Cadet: "How should I know you wished to swear first, sir?"

Tools

The artist took his pencil; it was "stubby" as could be,
But it traced a lovely picture that the world rejoiced to see.
The poet dipped his pen-nib; 'twas a cheap, corroded thing,
Yet it scratched a charming lyric that the world rejoiced to sing.
The builder plied his trowel; it was far from being new,
But it laid the bricks and mortar till a lordly mansion grew.
Ah! pencil, pen and trowel, you have frequently displayed
How will can win achievement with exceeding little aid.
Yet daily in Life's markets, in its playrooms and its schools,
Folk grumble: "I could prosper if I had some better tools."

JUNIOR A

A stands for Aylard, a boy of our class,
For gentle Miss Anderson, who's a nice lass;
B stands for Bagshawe and smiling Miss Bell;
C stands for Miss Copeland, Miss Cramer as well,
D stands for Miss Dunnell, Miss Dwyer I tell;
E stands for Miss Evans, who's sporty and gay,
F's for Miss Fracy, whose hair's not yet grey;
G stands for Genn, our Camosun reporter,
H for Miss Heritage, her father's good daughter;
H stands for Hudson and Hughes you will see,
J for Miss Jackson, whose cough's rather free;
L's for Miss Locke and M for Miss Miller,
M also for Murray, and Miss Marchbank, I'm sure,
N for Miss Noble, for Plenderleith P
For the Misses Patullo and Pollock you see;
P stands for Miss Pierson, for Miss Rogers R;
And **S** for Miss Shepherd, who shines like a star,
And **S** for Miss Smith and Miss Styan we read;
Then **T** for Miss Tervo who speaks with great speed,
W stands for Miss Wilson, called Grace;
And then for Miss Weston, who has a sweet face.
I have come to the end of my rhyme now at last
And these are the pupils who are in our class.

Plenderleith must be quite used to drawing hearts, for when sent to the board to draw a compound obcordate leaf, he drew it with perfect ease and without erasing. The hearts were quite life-like and very gracefully drawn.

Miss Locke has been described as a "point," which has position, but no magnitude.

Miss Heritage was described as a "line," which has length, but no breadth.

Miss Weston was described as a solid.

JUNIOR B

Humber must have a multiple personality since he is told not to occupy more than one seat.

The story of "Daphne and Apollo" was being told to the class. At the conclusion of the narrative, one of the students irrelevantly remarked that perhaps Apollo would not have been so eager to embrace her had she been turned into a holly tree instead of a laurel tree.

Embarrassed silence reigned when the boys were asked to put themselves in Goldsmith's shoes and say whether girls were prettier with or without powder, etc. Copas, finally brought to bay, evasively replied, that although it depended largely upon the person who used it, the majority needed it.

JUNIOR C

How refreshing it is to rise on time for 9.15 (not mentioning 8.30) these cold mornings. But we deserve to be congratulated, only once was one of our unruly flock tardy, and they say that that was unavoidable. (Maybe (?) he was detained gathering botany specimens.)

We wish to welcome Miss Smith and Vincent to this happy little nook of ours, where hearts are free and heads are light.

The good news of Laing's progress after his recent operation was gladly received by all and we hope to have him back among us soon again.

We have been told that Latin is a "dead" language. Maybe that accounts for the solemn and funereal atmosphere which prevails throughout Room II the moment we enter upon its threshold.

Miss McGimpsey has been advised by one of our teachers to undergo a medical examination, but we think it would be more advisable if Shaw kept her appointment.

Miss Leeming to Miss Lewis, "I do wish the teacher would stay in the room one of these days to see how you behave when he's out."

Wanted: Someone who will volunteer to forget the serious side of life and display all the evil and humor possible. (The class reporters will hold themselves responsible for all consequences.)

Our Mathematics teacher has taken to teaching us Chemistry. We have already learned that "water is wet."

Shaw seems to be the comedian of our room, but Givens is giving him an awfully close run. They are also flourishing (?) chemists.

We wonder why McNamee is so popular among the boys, perhaps because he has been called "Miss McNamee."

Why did Miss Stuart blush when Miss Adams asked where her leaves had gone.

JUNIOR D

Contrary to reports, Miss Starr, "our dramatic star," has not retired from the public eye; she is still much in evidence in the chemistry lab and lecture room.

We are pleased to announce that Catterall has recovered from the effects of the shock administered to him when one of our shining lights persisted in holding a piece of burning phosphorous in his face, while exclaiming, "How pretty!"

Clark and Sprinkling, both of whom are being tutored for bashfulness by Miss Wilkerson, are progressing favorably, having advanced so far as to wink at the teacher.

The "Notorious Six" made the interesting discovery while in the Botany Room, that all people do not believe that a smile is the keynote to success.

JUNIOR E

Junior E, better known as the "Repeaters' Class," has settled down to work, and notwithstanding the fact that many of its members feel as though they have been "rubbed the wrong way," they seem to be having a good time. They also appear to be on the best of terms with each other, if the noise they make on entering the different rooms has any connection with friendliness. This class is composed of a mixture, as most classes generally are. Some of the members are very industrious, others wait patiently for 3.15 to come.

A few of our noticeable students are: Miss Daniels, who generally appears in the classroom punctually at 9.16.

Miss Plummer has occasional fits of laughing and is asked to leave the room until she recovers.

The Romance of Junior E

To one and all, with considerable joy,
I will tell the romance of a girl and boy.
The girl was beautiful as the dawn of day;
She loved a "Miller," whose hair was grey.
She took a "Rideout" over a "Hill"
And met her lover at his mill.
Her father, a "Plummer" by trade, did not like
The thought of his daughter off on this hike.
However, they made a "Bolt" for the woods,
Used "Grubbs" and "Partridge" for their foods.
Her father still "Waites" for them in vain;
She was killed by a "Savage," and he went insane.

JUNIOR F

Botany Teacher: "What is a node?"

Pupil: "The place where a leaf joins the stem."

Voice from the back of the room: "I node that."

It was in Classroom 34, where the seats were scarce and one boy was standing. On seeing this, one of the girls got up and sat with her friend.

Teacher: "You can take that seat, now that the bird has flown."

Boy: "This is the first time I knew a chicken could fly."

PRELIM A

Preliminary "A" begs to announce that it is ready to begin business. Show daily at 9.15. If you don't come, bring your excuse. P. S.—Don't forget the war-tax.

All-Star Cast

As the big show for the year is just commencing, the unfortunate class reporter thinks it would be well to introduce a few prominent stars; and, since stars naturally suggest things heavenly, this section will be entirely a girls' show.

Florence Stevens. In the fifteen years of Miss Stevens' life she has attained five feet and entrance to the Victoria High School.

"Sweet and harmless as a child,
Wiser men than me's beguiled."

Laura Leigh. At the age of fourteen Miss Leigh aims to become a barber, as she will then be able to "do onto others what they have done onto her."

"Whose is that noble, dauntless brow,
And whose that eye of fire?"

"Katie" Jones. She's good-natured, even if she has peculiar tastes. Her chief occupation is fighting with Miss Leigh. She prefers "Ramsay's" nut-bars and her tam straight.

"What is it? A learned man
Could give it a clumsy name."

Lilly Lucas. She—No! I'll slam the Dutch, and slam the Scotch, but lave the Irish be! P. S.—Safety first.

"A venerable Irishman, with a tongue that worked
easily in its socket."

Gladys Tanner. Yes! Gladys can fathom Geometry. Regular mathematical genius. (But then, Saanich is noted for its brain-food.)

"Her face is like an angel's face,
We're glad she has no wings."

Boys' Section

Harold Parfitt. Harold hails from Bristol, England, and although he left when very young, he still sounds its praises. Harold hails from Boys' Central.

"A glorious charter, deny it who can,
Is breathed in the words, 'I am an Englishman.'"

Crawford Coates. Craw is an American by birth, but does not inherit much of the "go" of that nationality. He has a great antipathy for work, especially French and geometry. He comes to us from South Park.

"A man is never too old to learn."

Norman Hogan is a native son and joined us from Oaklands. He is not making any serious attempt to deprive the Poet Laureate of his laurels.

"He shows an utter and contented ignorance of literature."

PRELIM B

Marjorie Green. From Margaret Jenkins School. The girl with the everlasting "why?"

"I keep six honest serving-men
(They teach me all I know);
Their names are What and Who and When
And Where and Why and How."

Wanted for Prelim C:—(1) Experienced hairdresser for girls who omit to do their hair before coming to school. (2) Small boy to carry Jessie's books. (3) Latest fashions for Helen and Sadie.

Margaret Amphlett. Margaret comes from Margaret Jenkins School. She is the constant shadow of M. Green.

"Strange to the world,
She wore a bashful look."

Dorothy Dean. A versatile member from Central who is always in great demand.

"Thy unextinguished laughter shakes the spies."

Collison. Comes from Central School. Noted for the assurance with which he starts to answer in class, but somehow after the first few words his ready eloquence seems to die down.

"Whose imp art thou with dimpled cheek and curly pate
and merry eye?"

Allen. He has the knack of not being able to express himself (which is a great help, at times).

"Thought is deeper than all speech."

Gray. A sleepy personage from the Margaret Jenkins School.

"A dreamy youth, who whiles away school time
in blissful meditation."

PRELIM C

Ellen Bridge. She is the dainty elf of Prelim C; she keeps us all in order and herself is very cute, and ———?

"She will not permit of any undue familiarity."

Rubye Curtis. Rubye came from the Quadra Street School and she wears little dips over her ears.

"She has a very sweet face and a pretty one."

Phyllis Cummins. She passed her entrance a year ago in Chilliwack, tried their High School for a little while, then thought better of it and came to ours.

"Roses are red and so are you."

Edmund Corby. Ted hails from South Park and is becoming quite a debater, practising first on the teachers. If a teacher thinks different from Ted, the fact is soon made evident, and therein ensues a royal battle, the result of which is that poor C. B. C. has a seventh period at 3.15.

"Thou, why thou wouldst argue with a man who has a hair more or a hair less in his head than thou."

William Copeland. Bill was a pupil in Okanagan Centre, where his father owned a farm. He is quiet by nature, but when he voices his thoughts, it is with such elegant words that nobody is inclined to dispute him.

"Strongest minds are often those of whom the noisy world
hears least."

PRELIM D

As Mark Twain might have seen them.

C. Lewis. Lewis hails from Quadra Street School and apparently his past sins weigh heavily upon him.

"I would trade my conscience for smallpox and seven kinds of measles, and be glad to get the chance."

A. McLean. "Mac" is apparently having a difficult task to make up the weight he lost through overwork at Victoria West. If he fails, it will not be through lack of endeavor.

"He will eat anything between a man and a bible.

W. Marchbank. Like McLean, Marchbank suffers from overwork, but then, of course, he came from Boys' Central.

"His ribs stuck out as though he had swallowed a spiral spring."

Miss Galbraith. This minute student came from Sir James Douglas School, and although she is the smallest and youngest girl in the class, she is, we might say, an all-round sport, and is a favorite among the older girls.

"This aint no fat thing, I reckon."

Miss Gilliland. About this student there is something generally attractive, but we have not yet discovered what it is. We will assign the reason for this quality to the school from which she came, namely, Girls' Central.

"It is very wearing to be good."

PRELIM E

Dorothy Morley. Miss Morley, formerly a student at the South Park School, is now an attendant of the V. H. S. She commenced her High School term September 2nd, 1919, and has since achieved the position of star pupil in Prelim E. Her ability for Geometry is especially conspicuous.

"Big packages don't always contain the most sensible articles."

Agnes McKay. Miss McKay delighted us with her appearance at the V. H. S. at the beginning of the term. She gracefully "dropped" into High School after successfully passing the examinations at the renowned South Park School. Her progress in High School is worthy of notice; work always perfect, conduct always excellent, altogether a model of perfection (?).

"She has black hair, and big brown eyes,
She is so little, but oh! so wise."

William Lambert. Willie joined us this year from Central with an acquired knowledge of mathematics and how to waste time.

"Behold the child by Nature's kindly law
Pleased with a rattle, tickled with a straw."

Ross Browne. Ross is our huskiest specimen, but his knowledge of Algebra last year was not quite as husky as he, hence he repeats his year.

"Though I am not splenetive nor rash,
Yet I have something in me dangerous."

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PRELIM F

Tom Sturgess. Thomas Rolls-Royces to school every morning in what he claims is a car. We have noticed that his associating with Oz Taylor is proving the foundation of a "Celestial Twin" combination.

"And he may ride in his rattling gig."

"Cannon-ball" Smith. Smicky is a born celebrity. One day we behold his flowing, artistic locks, and then, lo! he comes to class next day looking (craniumly speaking) like a conv——, like a close shaven member of a Russian (secret) Society.

"And left him balder than a whitewashed cannon-ball."

Frederic Zarreli. "Zach" claims a special distinction. He is the only living pupil who has managed to be perpetually late in arriving at a room after the change period. His conceptions on Canadian Civics are notably uplifting as well as beautiful.

"The love he bore for learning was his fault."

Ben Sivertz. Ben has a family-reputation to uphold, as well as a personal one. His favorite subject is geometry; we all sympathize with him.

"O good grey head, which all men know."

Margaret McMillen. She does not wish her age mentioned, but she is a good sport. By her flightiest friends she is called "Bubbles." "Bubbles" is from Sir James Douglas School.

"The girl with a laugh and a smile,
That makes this bubble of life worth while."

Gwen Maynard. Gwen does not rank among the wireless experts in our class, yet she manages to keep in touch with one of them. Perhaps Pottruff could tell us how.

"A love-sick girl."

Gertrude Thorpe. This child is the trustworthy human in our class. The astounding capacity with which she carries around the slip shows a mind of high intellect and sound commonsense.

"Good sense, which is only the gift of Heaven."

Ruth Gammell. Ruth shares Miss McMillen's vast estate, which consists of a desk. Sometimes she is lucky enough to occupy the teacher's chair. Ruth hails from Los Angeles High School.

"A simple, trusting soul."

PRELIM G

Since Pelim G has become somewhat widely known, perhaps you would like to meet some of our celebrities. Let us introduce:

"Tombstone" McKay. McKay first entered the sacred precincts of the V. H. S. in 1917. He dwelt among us for a year and then left to help the Melrose Co. survive the Great War. Having accomplished this purpose, he returned this fall and joined our group of celebrities.

"Strange to the world, he wore a bashful look.
The fields his study, Nature was his book."

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George Coleman. "No solemn, sanctimonious face I pull." George needs no further description than this, save possibly that we may give you the general hint—he has a dimple in his chin.

Jack Legg. In spite of his diminutive stature, Jack is quite the popular boy among the ladies. He believes in being near the centre of things, however, particularly the centre of our girls' basketball team.

"Fashioned so slenderly, so young and so fair."

James Nimmo. Another of our modest, retiring people. Jim is particularly modest in the presence of girls. We advise the use of Tanlac and association with Stan Moore as the best means of overcoming the dreadful handicap to a cheerful and bright nature.

"'Tis but a simple country child
That lightly draws its breath."

Betsy Ingles. One of our athletic performers. If you do not believe me, just witness her approaching school each morning, mounted on her bicycle.

"A lady of many excellent qualities."

Jean Small.

"O Jean, 'twas all for thy locks so bright,
And 'twas all for thine eyes so blue."

We now see the application of Bonavia's quotation of the above lines one day last week.

Edythe Mutrie. Edythe is the possessor of that happy type of disposition that knows not care. A quiet philosopher in her own way, rather Epicurean in her tendencies.

"In wisdom's ways you wisely seek,
Five things observe with care—
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how and when and where.

PRELIM H

Kathleen Palmer.

"Her little nose was fretted learning how to keep her glasses on." Kathleen comes to us from South Park School. Her nose may be fretted by her specs, but Kathleen herself is not.

Alice Sandiford. One of our brightest luminaries, for whom we have Girls' Central to thank.

"While words of wondrous length and thundering sound
Amazed the gaping rustics ranged around."

Genevieve Sangster. Genevieve is the outstanding athlete among our number. She has represented the school on several occasions at basketball, and did it very well. She first learned the art of tossing basketballs at South Park.

"Now Lady Jean was tall and fair
And her eyes were deepest blue."

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LOST—Gym periods. Finder please return to Div. 21. No questions will be asked.

Percy Richards. An officer of great worth in giving orders, but is unaccountably troubled with lack of memory when receiving them. His forgetter works overtime when it comes to keeping appointments with teachers after school hours.

"A very popular and soldierly person indeed."

W. Dron. The bright member of our class, whose boundless ignorance is his most valuable possession, i.e., pertaining to all things studious. Although losing favor with the teachers, he is doubly gaining with the girls. Someone says, "Like attracts like."

Vernon Smith. "The Angel of our class."
As do all these condescending visitors, he only honors us with his presence for brief intervals, during which he is here in body, but absent in mind. During his visits to Olympus he worships at the feet of the muses and becomes a wizard in his art.

PRELIM I

Let this introduce the boys of Div. 25.

F. Tolmie. Tolmie used to attend the Quadra Street School, and in 1918 passed for High School.

"He will eat anything he can bite."

C. Fraser. Fraser is thirteen years old; he used to attend the St. Louis School.

"Be he ever so fat,
There is no one like Fraser."

W. Shrader. A good judge of chocolates, but a poor judge of what to do with them. Shrader passed for High School in 1918.

J. Noble. Partly responsible for the high price of leather. Noble attended the North Ward School and passed in 1919.

COMMERCIAL A

In Room 19, on Monday afternoon, this division was enjoyably entertained by a solo from Miss McCullum, resulting in the soloist being engaged for 8.15 on Tuesday morning.

Apparently Miss Wormald's heart (or her Ford) fails her when Commercial Law is on the day's programme.

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COMMERCIAL C

Edna Curry. She came from Sir James Douglas School. Swimming is the sport in which Edna excels, as everybody knows. Her present bathing suit being somewhat of an encumbrance, she is contemplating sending to Seattle for one of smaller dimensions.

"She with the eyes of a vamp,
She with the breadth of a man."

Bernice Berryman. Having learned all she could at Quadra Street School, Bernice very kindly favored Victoria High with her presence. We all think she must be interested in the terpsichorean art, especially the graceful shimmie. In English Literature she called "chimney" "shimmy," to call attention to the fact. (For reference, look up page 23, paragraph 2, word 5, in the Fifth Reader.)

"And ne'er did Grecian chisel trace
A Nymph, a Naiad or a Grace
Of finer form or lovelier face."

Minnie Cox. This bright child is our best all-round pupil and good sport. Everyone gasps with astonishment when Minnie gets up to add, correctly, column after column of figures with such speed that when she has finished, nobody knows whether they are standing on their head or their feet. She has cups and medals for running, which is considered a very useful sport by some people. We wonder if Minnie has any enemies.

"A sweet, heart-lifting cheerfulness seemed ever
on her steps to wait."

David Barclay. A shark from the south. He is at present president of a swimming club and he may be president of a republic some day.

Arthur Cooke. Spends his week-ends hunting and falling in the lakes.

Tom Brown. Don't mistake him for the hero of "Tom Brown's School Days." He is merely a first-year student at the V. H. S.

Noel Barker. An apt student in the gym, and perfectly harmless.

"Crab" Bullock. He is small of stature. If he cut off his pompadour he would be one inch smaller. His motto is "Camouflage."

COMMERCIAL D

Tom Harrap. "He would not play hookey, even when his most sober judgment told him it was right." Tom has started back to school this year after the teachers said he should be working last year.

Harry Miles. Miles thinks it is his duty to stay away from school every other day. He is a new-comer and very popular with the girls.

"He was a long-legged lanky fellow—
An unprepossessing spectre."

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James Lusse. Lusse is a very dutiful boy in school.

"He couldn't tell a lie in any kind of weather."

Lucy McDougall. Lucy is an old-timer, but appears none the better for it. We all have our faults more or less.

"The girls all hate her because she is so good."

Reginald Dickinson. Dickinson is rather a quiet sort of fellow, but he knows his own mind.

"He is a modest-looking creature."

Winnie Dunn. Winnie is a great one for parties and dances. She is also very popular among the boys of our class.

"Early to bed and early to rise;
When she comes to school she has sleep in her eyes."

Miss Faickney should look after her shoe-laces in drill.

Miss Langhout likes standing for exercise in Arithmetic time.

Myrta is an example of good behaviour.

COMMERCIAL E

Commercial E has two mascots in the form of Rogers and Marshall, all the other members of the class being of the opposite sex.

Miss Una Shakespeare is our AthleticRepresentative, formerly of North Ward School. She seems very eager for this work, as she was seen practising some of these athletic stunts in Room 17 the other day.

Miss Lilian Roberts, formerly of George Jay School, keeps us all alive.

"She seeks painted trifles and fantastic toys,
And eagerly pursues imaginary joys."

Her favorite expression is "Ja-Ida."

Miss Kate Renwick, who came from South Park School, always shines in Room 15 for her excellent (?) work.

Miss Helena Taverner, the faithful shadow of Miss Reay, both of whom came from George Jay School.

"Hear ye not the hum of mighty workings?"

Miss Vernie Shemilt, who is most heard from in Room 33, where her "Please, Sir," is always heard.

Miss Muriel Stephens, who decided to try her luck at the High School after sampling Esquimalt High School.

Miss Muriel Young, who also graced this school last year. She is "Innocence Abroad."

Miss Una Williams, who was formerly of Esquimalt School and who is conspicuous for her absence.

Miss Dorothy Witty, who does not always talk, but when she does—

"Then she will talk,
Ye gods, how she will talk."

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